

TO OIL THE WAY FOR BULL MOOSE

Plan to Send a Hughes Delegation to Chicago.

It Would Make Way Smooth for Henry Allen et al.

NEW YORKER NOT IN THE RACE

But Would Answer the Purpose of the Fixers.

The Scheme May Encounter Some Difficulties Later.

Numerous Kansas Republican leaders are to be enlisted in a fight to send an instructed Hughes for president delegation from Kansas. Word has come to the Republican workers of the state that Justice Hughes will be acceptable to the Progressives of 1916 and a number of the Progressives are planning to give the Hughes boom in Kansas a real start.

In the fight for an instructed Hughes delegation from this state will be Governor Capper, Joseph L. Bristow, W. E. Morgan, Henry J. Allen, W. E. Davis, and probably William Allen White and W. R. Stubbs. Of course Justice Hughes is not a candidate. But an instructed Hughes delegation from Kansas will afford a bridge back to the Republican party and Allen, White, Stubbs and other Bull Moose leaders are expected to take advantage of the opportunity with the assistance of their friends who are now safely in the party.

Plans now suggested provide for a state wide presidential primary for the selection of delegates. While there is money available for the holding of the primaries, a sufficient number of volunteers may be enlisted to hold the primary without expense to the state.

Kansas May Lead. "Kansas might put the Hughes boom squarely on the track by sending the first instructed delegation for Hughes to the national convention," suggested W. E. Morgan, lieutenant governor, while Justice Hughes is in the state. "Of course, I remember that political history doesn't show much real reward for launching presidential primaries. It was Kansas that started the boom for Roosevelt for vice president. He succeeded to the presidency when President McKinley was assassinated. And it was Roosevelt's activity in politics that caused the big political split in Kansas in 1912 and resulted in the election of a Democratic governor and president. Still, I would like to see Kansas make the first move in starting Hughes."

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Several of the men mentioned as delegates to the national convention are not Hughes backers. With a strong Hughes campaign in the state, it is probable that a fight will be made for genuine Hughes delegates to the delegation. All of which will probably mean that Kansas may receive some of her fictional feeling of former campaign, but at least prove of state wide concern.

FEED CHICKENS MILK

Poultry Man Tells Aggies How to Make Hens Lay More.

Manhattan, Kan., Dec. 31.—Feeding of skim milk or meat scraps to poultry materially increases egg production. A. G. Phillips, professor of poultry husbandry at Purdue university, told members of the Kansas State Poultry Federation in convention here today.

"Grain is the chief food given to poultry on ordinary farms," said Phillips. "But this is not a good thing. During a large part of the year nature's food is not abundant, and hens do not lay. One particular addition to the grain that is very important is skim milk or meat scrap. Grains lack a sufficient amount of protein to be proper ration for laying hens."

"In an experiment carried on at Purdue university for the last four years where meat scraps, skim milk and fish scraps were used as a source of animal protein, the results are marked. The average egg production of the hens fed none of these three feeds was 22 1/2 eggs a year. In the meat scrap pen the production was 25 eggs; fish scrap pen, 23 eggs, and skim milk pen, 23 1/2 eggs."

"Everything points towards the fact that the difference in egg production was due to the addition of one of these three feeds to a ration composed of corn, wheat, oats, bran and shorts. For every 100 pounds of milk fed birds, there was a return of \$23.04 in eggs. For every 100 pounds of meat scrap fed there was \$23.92 returned in eggs."

W. A. Lippincott, professor of poultry husbandry in the Kansas State Agricultural college, spoke on "Buying Eggs on a Quality Basis." Dr. F. M. Muschel, also of the college department, spoke on "The Farm Poultry Breeding Stock."

Kansas State Agricultural college. "It does not put all the blame upon the men for present conditions," said Mrs. Dunlap. "The women should have understood that the demands of their nature can only be met by expenditure of money at the proper time, without any questions or suggestions."

"When we give the proper education to our girls and train them for self support, no man will dare make any demands of his wife that are financial partners, because she will submit to nothing else."

Trained that when they assume the duties and responsibilities of home making they will know it is a relation of co-operation in every activity and condition of the home."

LEADS THE WORLD

Topeka Has Most Telephones in Proportion to Population.

An Average of One to Every Family in City.

Topeka has a higher telephone development—ratio of telephone stations to the population—than any city of its size in the world, according to local officials of the Missouri Telephone company. With the increase of 480 telephones in 1915 the total number of stations in the city reached the 10,915 mark today. This shows a 20 per cent development. It is pointed out by the officials that a 15 per cent development is considered very high and so far as is known there is not another city in the world in Topeka's class when it comes to the number of telephones in proportion with the population.

The growth of the city is given by the telephone people as the cause for the remarkable increase in service since the two telephone systems were consolidated in 1912. The net gain for the year just closing was 480 phones, which indicated that there has been a growth in homes, business, and all lines in Topeka during the last year. The increase shows that more than one phone a day has been added to the list of stations.

In comparison with the population it might be stated that Topeka has a telephone to each family, approximately on a basis of 10,000 telephones and a population of 50,000.

FIND SCHMIDT GUILTY

Jury Fixes Penalty of McNamara's Accomplice at Life Imprisonment.

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Matthew A. Schmidt was convicted last night of first degree murder as the accomplice of James E. McNamara in the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building here five years ago.

The specific charge against Schmidt was the murder of Charles Hager, one of the twenty victims of the Times explosion. The jury was out forty-six minutes.

The jury fixed Schmidt's punishment at imprisonment for life, the same penalty imposed on James E. McNamara after the latter had confessed in court four years ago that he placed the bomb which blew up the newspaper plant.

Another alleged accomplice of McNamara, who was arrested last February near Seattle, shortly after Schmidt had been taken into custody, New York is still awaiting trial also on the charge of having murdered Charles Hager. The court's charge to the jury had been that the latter had confessed to the defendant and the verdict came as a surprise to Schmidt and his counsel. The jury was heard, head it without show of emotion.

Time for the imposition of sentence upon Schmidt was fixed for next Monday and his counsel will then interpose a motion for a new trial. It was agreed that argument on this motion should be heard January 12.

SNOW IN CALIFORNIA

Orange Crop Undamaged by Wide Spread Storms on Coast.

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Dawn today revealed at many points in the southern California citrus fruit district the remarkable spectacle of orange trees mantled with snow.

It was a scene which had not been witnessed in years, but temperatures did not range below 32 degrees, and the orange crop suffered no damage. Snow fell in Hollywood, a suburb of Los Angeles, although it rained in the city itself. It also fell in San Bernardino, Riverside, Alhambra, a foothill suburb of Pasadena, Rialto, Bloomington and other places in the heart of the citrus region, but melted rapidly under a steady rain. The valleys stretching eastward in Riverside and San Bernardino counties are blanketed with snow.

Rain was falling before noon throughout the region.

Sleet Troubles Continue.

Indianapolis, Dec. 31.—Abnormal cold conditions continued yesterday's sleet and snow storm were gradually improving today. Steam and electric lines, however, still were unable to operate on schedules and many telephone and telegraph wires had not been cleared of trouble.

ELECT KANSAS MAN

Prof. Robert Ogden of This State Official of Scientists.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Prof. Dodge of Wesleyan university was elected president of the Psychological association at the closing session of the conference of the organization last night. Prof. Robert Ogden of Kansas was re-elected secretary-treasurer and Prof. Harvey A. Carr of the University of Chicago and Prof. Knut Lindqvist of Johns Hopkins university were named for the executive board.

Germans Gave French Kids Tree. German Great Headquarters, Via Berlin to London, Dec. 31.—One of the Christmas tree features at a huge Christmas tree arranged for by General von Falkenhayn, chief of the general staff, for more than 150 French boys and girls who live in town and otherwise would have no Christmas. With their mothers, the little folk filled before the tree and were presented with woolen clothes, shoes, stockings, cakes, apples and nuts. General von Falkenhayn and his staff appeared during the ceremony and the chief of staff addressed his guests.

REST ON BELGIUM

Peace Not Possible Until Fate of Little Nation

Is Agreed Upon by Allies and Teuton Powers.

AS GERMANY SEES SITUATION

Kaiser Doesn't Know What to Do With Belgium.

Central Powers Review Sees Teutons Leading in Warfare.

BY CARL W. ACKERMAN.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—As the 1915 twelfth month draws to a close the German campaign spreads to more foreign lands: to Turkey and Egypt. Many enormous battles and campaigns in 1915 have decided the war in certain war theaters.

In the Russian campaign the Russian army was pushed into Russia. Serbia has been entirely submerged. Belgium is occupied. Eight of Germany's richest provinces, with nearly 10 million people, are under German control.

Germany has lost most of her colonies and her overseas commerce. But between the central powers and the allies there has been no decisive battle, no deciding campaign.

Both sides await with equal confidence and determination this contest. Whether it will be fought or avoided, no one knows. Events will decide. The fate of Belgium depends upon the outcome. If the war is drawn, Belgium's future will depend upon the peace terms.

Peace today depends upon the solution of the Belgian question. Until England and Germany come to an understanding on Belgium's future the war will continue. These state-ments have been made so often that the United Press asked the censor to pass this article to tell the outside world what every one here talks about.

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In Germany there are two parties with regard to Belgium. One wishes to give it up. The other wants to keep it. Many think Germany should keep Antwerp and the forts of Namur and Liege, or that Germany should have the right to garrison the fortresses. Others believe Germany should keep Antwerp as an outlet to the channel for German commerce. Germany to keep all of Belgium, but this is considered a minority.

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The next meeting of the club will be at the call of the president. Definite action concerning the club's new home will be taken at that time and many of the members of the club will be enrolled. More than fifty men have applied for membership.

Among those attending the dinner were: W. Y. Morgan, A. B. C. How, Albert E. Reid, E. W. Winkart, A. L. Schultz, P. C. Powell, Imrie Zorn, W. T. Brown, A. D. Birch, E. W. Swan, John MacDonald, Charles Dillon, G. L. Mitchell, E. R. Booth, Sanford Jarrell, W. G. Hugston, G. W. Wolf, J. W. Howe, E. B. Chapman, E. W. Rankin, J. A. Murphy, Charles C. Youngblood, C. E. Vincent, C. Stuckey, V. H. Schenck, K. T. Erwin, G. D. McCluskey, F. B. Cunningham, Paul E. Hooper, Joseph P. Vincent, W. B. Flowers, L. B. McMahon, Herman H. Hochstetler, Charles H. Trapp, William L. Lavey, O. K. Swayze, Dwight Thatcher, Harry W. A. Johnson, Marco Morrow, Carl P. Bolmar, Abe L. Gordon, Alfred G. Hill, Harry Cleveland, Chas. Stowers, Cliff Stowers, Wallace Casey, C. G. Wellington, Sidney M. Zinn, H. E. Caylor, H. G. Stockard, Earl Akers.

HARCOURT RESIGNS

Reported U. S. Woman's Husband To Be Made Viceroy of India.

London, Dec. 31.—That Lewis Harcourt, member of the British cabinet since 1907 and a strong opponent of the playing of the second American, was reported by unconfirmed today.

Harcourt, whose wife is an American woman, is said to be slated to become viceroy of India. His resignation could not be learned definitely today.

Harcourt was Mary Ethel Burns of New York, a cousin of J. P. Morgan, her mother being a sister of the late J. P. Morgan. If the report is true she will be the second American woman to become viceroy of India, the first having been Lady Curzon, formerly Miss Mary Leiter of Chicago.

The cabinet will meet tomorrow to consider the form the resignation bill will take.

Flee Country in Aeroplane. Paris, Dec. 31.—"A German aviation lieutenant accompanied by his mechanic deserted with an aeroplane" and fled to the second American, the Excelsior. They flew over the Dutch border, being greeted by volleys from the frontier guards and landed in the village of Aardenburg. They have been interned at Flushing."

TO RAISE \$50,000

Enthusiastic Meeting Held at Episcopal Deanery.

Citizens Committee Will Co-operate With Church Officials.

A meeting was held last night at the deanery with the Rev. James P. deB. Kaye, dean of Grace cathedral, for the purpose of devising a campaign effort on the part of members of the parish to co-operate with the citizens' committee which will undertake to raise \$50,000 with which to complete the cathedral.

The meeting was attended by Messrs. H. W. Deussen, E. J. Shanks, E. A. Herbert, Walter Ashton Smith, Earle C. Williams, John C. Waters and Dean Kaye. It was decided that a strong committee comprised of members of the parish should canvass the full membership of the parish for subscriptions. This committee will begin its work next Tuesday morning. The citizens' committee will begin its campaign next Monday. Arrangements have been made with the Central National bank to handle all deferred subscriptions.

The Topeka diocese will also be canvassed and an effort will be made to raise at least \$5,000 from among the members of the church in the other cities and towns.

The meeting at the deanery last night was full of interest and enthusiasm. During the last few weeks two things became evident. England declared that she will not make peace until Belgium is evacuated. Germany pledged the fullest co-operation and pledged the effort to finish the big cathedral at once.

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PRESS CLUB IS A GO

Enthusiastic Meeting Last Night Assures Success of the Organization.

More than 50 Topeka newspaper workers attended a dinner Thursday evening in the Cramer banquet rooms, when plans for establishment of permanent quarters were discussed. Following the dinner, some of the veterans told of early day experiences and performed under the direction of Marco Morrow, who presided as toastmaster.

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IN GRIP OF THE GRIP

Telephone Exchange a Favorite Lurking Place for the Disease.

La grippe has more terrors for the telephone girl than any other class of working girls. At the Bell Telephone exchange there has not been a day for the past three weeks when there were less than ten girls at home sick with the grippe. The greatest number of girls sick at one time at the local office was thirteen.

A girl's hours of duty at the switchboard must be very acute, explained one of the employees of the company this morning, "and the slightest cold soon gives the girls a great deal of trouble. This year has been the worst we have had for many years. We have had more girls sick with the grippe this year than ever before in the history of the company."

HEALERS ARE IMMUNE

Christian Science Practitioners Can't Be Held for Clients' Deaths.

New York, Dec. 31.—If a person dies under the ministrations of Christian Science, after having, of his own free will, chosen a healer instead of a doctor, the law will not hold him held responsible for his death.

This was the substance of the verdict returned Thursday night by the state jury which inquired into the death of Alexander H. Schubert, of 473 First street, Brooklyn. Pneumonia carried off Schubert on Christmas eve. Until he was past medical aid, he was attended by Mrs. Martha Fletcher, a healer.

DESERTS SOCIALISTS

Canadian Says Party Too Radical: Joins American Organization.

Detroit, Dec. 31.—Announcement was made here today that Charles M. O'Brien, former Socialist member of parliament in the Alberta legislature and one of the most widely known Socialists in Canada, has withdrawn from the Socialist party in Canada and joined the Canadian Socialists.

WEEK A SUCCESS

Farm and Home Affair Largest at Agricultural College.

One Thousand Farmers From 80 Counties Attended.

BOYS AND GIRLS WIN PRIZES

Lyon County Lad Raised Better Pig Than His Dad.

Professor Hibbard, of Wisconsin, Spoke on Rural Credits.

Manhattan, Kan., Dec. 31.—The thousand persons—men, women and children—from 80 Kansas counties in attendance at Farm and Home week have adjudged this event the most successful affair of its kind held at the college. It has been characterized by excellent addresses, helpful suggestions, and plenty of good entertainment.

For the government to undertake to finance the farmers of the United States would be entering a new chapter in history that would end, no one knows where, declared Dr. B. H. Hibbard, professor of agricultural economics in the University of Wisconsin, in the course of an address on "Rural Credit" before a Farm and Home week audience. While Professor Hibbard emphatically stated that the farmers must have money, yet it is a difficult thing, he contended, for a democratic form of government to lend money to itself and get it back again.

Interest is being shown by Kansas boys and girls in the agricultural, cooking and sewing contests, and not only have many of them won substantial cash prizes but likewise considerable honor.

Victor Hurt, age 16, of Lyon county, was awarded first prize in the pig contest, open to Kansas club boys and girls. He produced his pig, which tipped the scales at 308 pounds at the remarkably low cost of 2 1/2 cents per pound.

Pig Weighed 308 Pounds. Selecting one of his father's 12 week old pigs, which weighed 150 pounds, he entered the contest. He received advice from the department of animal husbandry of the college on feeding and caring for his pig. He weighed the animal every week. At the close of the contest his pig weighed 308 pounds, while his father's pig from the same litter weighed on ordinary feed—weighed 193 pounds.

Other awards in this contest were: 2, Perkins Williams, Lyon county; 3, Orville Caldwell, Lyon county; 4, Harvey Johnson, Harvey county; 5, Laura Dor, Lyon county; 6, Leslie Price, Lyon county; 7, Robert McGrath, Coffey county; 8, Christ Schmitt, Harvey county.

Kids Kept Poultry. Harvey Russell, age 12, of Scott county, won first honors in the contest for hatching and rearing chicks, open to boys and girls under 16 years of age. He not only used all the information at his command but watched the market so that he could sell over, but the kids were great lovers of a tag. Other winners in this contest were: 2, Helen Spaulding, Scott county; 3, Jessie Scott, Scott county; 4, Edna Scott, Scott county; 5, Paul C. Jones, Lyon county; 6, Nathaniel Cowan, Russell county; 7, Blanche Field, Coffey; 8, Clemens Scheve, Coffey.

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SCORES CORPORATIONS

Illinois Utilities Commission Objects to 80 Many Appeals.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Criticism of big corporations for their attitude in opposing nearly every important decision affecting them was contained in the annual report of the state public utilities commission, which was filed today.

"The ultimate success of state regulation appears to rest to a certain extent with the corporation," reads the report. "When the worst of the commission accepted by the utilities as a matter of fundamental fairness, established by a disinterested administrative body, it is not surprising that Municipalities seldom appeal from a decision while on the other hand the corporations have shown a tendency to fight every important decision of the commission through the courts."

KIDS GO SKATING

Ice on Ponds at Gage and Central Parks Ideal for Winter Sport.

The skating is fine on the ponds at Gage park and Central park. The kids found it very interesting and also of having gained access to her safety deposit vault and disposing of \$70,000 in street railway bonds he found there.

In Miller's room was found a brief note stating that he found he could not beat the board of trade, so he decided to quit Chicago. His aged mother, Mrs. Corneille E. Miller, who is 70 years old, and his 18 year old daughter, Ruth, the child of his first wife.

Mrs. Miller is the wife of the late W. W. Miller, engineer of the famous Fund W. of 1881, a financial scheme which netted him more than \$1,000,000 years ago. His widow received \$70,000 of this amount.

The elder Miller was accused of having operated a gigantic swindle. Mrs. Miller accuses her son of having forged his name to checks aggregating \$70,000, which he cashed, and also of having gained access to her safety deposit vault and disposing of \$70,000 in street railway bonds he found there.

315 Dead From Typhus. Galveston, Dec. 31.—There were 315 deaths from typhus in Mexico City during November, according to a report of the city's health department received today by Juan T. Burns, Mexican consul here. The report adds during the first two weeks of December there were approximately 1,500 new cases reported.

1725 JENKINS-VICTROLA 1725 K Includes Victrola IV with 14 selections on three double-faced ten-inch records, your selection. \$14.00 cash \$10.00 a month.

2725 JENKINS-VICTROLA 2725 L Includes Victrola V with 14 selections on three double-faced ten-inch records, your selection. \$14.00 cash \$10.00 a month.

4525 JENKINS-VICTROLA 4525 M Includes latest Victrola number VIII with 14 selections, your choice on